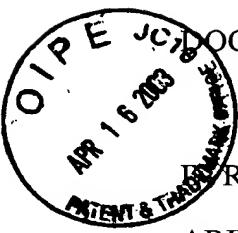


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2003, please amend this application as shown below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 9, 12-14 and 18 to read as follows:<sup>1</sup>

1. (Twice Amended) A method for protecting an original audio signal against unauthorized recording thereof by a recorder, comprising:

β1 combining the original audio signal with at least one inaudible disturbance signal for providing a combined signal,

said combining being such that the combined signal sounds undisturbed when played and a recording of the combined signal by said recorder is disturbed.

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<sup>1</sup> A marked-up copy of the changes made in this amendment is attached.